



IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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MINUTES

Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

May 7, 2014, 2:00 pm

(Began at the conclusion of ICCC Meeting)

Paragonah Town Hall

44 North 100 West

Paragonah, UT

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Donald Landes
Commissioner David Miller
Commissioner Alma Adams

REPRESENTING:

Parowan City
Iron County
Iron County

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff
Mayor Constance Robinson
Mayor H.C. "Dutch" Deutschlander
Mayor Maile Wilson
Mayor Robert Rasmussen
Mayor Galen Allred

REPRESENTING:

Iron County
Paragonah Town
Brian Head Town
Cedar City
Enoch City
Kanarraville

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Rob Dotson
Tom Stratton
Mr. Dave Demas
Mr. Monte Aldridge
Mr. Levi Roberts

REPRESENTING:

ICRTAC, Enoch City Manager
Brian Head PW Director
Five County AOG
UDOT
Five County AOG



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I. Quorum Declaration

The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Alma Adams in the absence of Ms. Connie Robinson. Commissioner Adams welcomed all present and declared there was not a quorum.

II. Approve Minutes for January 8, 2014

Approval of the March 5, 2014 minutes will be moved to the next meeting.

All present agreed

III. Utah Department of Transportation

A. HSIP

Mr. Demas, with the help of Mr. Aldridge gave a presentation on the HSIP and SSIP programs. HSIP is the Highway Safety Improvement Program and SSIP is the Spot Safety Improvement Program. Mr. Demas wants to apprise the RTEC on these programs so they can be somewhat prepared prior to UDOT calling for application. Mr. Demas gave each present a copy of a handout prepared by the AOG with information provided by UDOT. Dave noted that the HSIP program is not just for State or Federal routes, but can also be used for local roads. SSIP is to be used on State roads only. Mr. Demas emphasized that these dollars can be used on local roads with qualifying safety issues that can be remedied through the implementation of a safety project.

Mr. Miller asked if there were any noted areas where these funds can be used. Mr. Demas explained the safety index map is provided on the UDOT web site. This map shows which roads fall into which classification; however this map may not contain all local roads. If the local entity has its own accident data for roads not included on the map they can submit an application based on that data. Serious injury accidents and fatal accidents increase the severity and increase the safety index. Mr. Demas noted that there are a couple of safety projects within the area already in the works.

Several questions were asked about passing lanes. Mr. Aldridge noted that passing lane projects fall under "choke point" projects.

Mr. Demas noted that he had sent out an email to each of the entities asking for ideas for projects. A couple of ideas were received.



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Mr. Miller asked a general question pertaining to BLM enforcement on State highway roads through BLM enforced properties. It was generally thought that the BLM would have some jurisdiction.

Mr. Demas continued by giving some examples of the different types of projects that could qualify. They are listed on the hand out and include: clear zone improvements, signing, rumble strips, barrier and intersection improvements.

Mr. Demas also discussed the application process and noted that they are generally due in June, but can be submitted at any time during the year. The UDOT contact is Anne Ogden in region 4. Applications should be submitted to region 4. It was also noted that if it is a local project there is a 6.77 % match. Mr. Aldridge indicated that if a project really shows a need; the time frame from application process to construction can be less than one year. Additional materials were handed out.

Mr. Demas reiterated that although this hasn't been presented to the RTAC yet he felt it was important to get this information in front of the RTEC due to the current meeting schedules as well as the upcoming application process. It will be presented to RTAC at next meeting.

As a note, Monte indicated that several of the projects from the Alton coal haul study were funded. These are at the Cedar Center interchange. He also noted that he has sent his survey crews out to gather information at the Parowan South interchange.

IV. **Van Pooling**

Mr. Demas gave a presentation on Van Pooling. He introduced Levi Roberts as the mobility manager from the Five County AOG. Mr. Demas explained some of the many benefits to the local area and employers of van pooling. Some of the benefits are: significant financial savings, less wear and tear on personal vehicles, greater flexibility for household vehicle use, fewer vehicle emissions and employer / employee incentives. Employee retention and punctuality are improved and generally fewer employee parking places are required.

Mr. Miller noted issues that took place with Milgrow, in New Castle; they suddenly needed a significant number of new employees and came to Cedar City to meet those needs. This required lots of car pooling. This might be a good application for Van Pools.



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Mr. Demas explained some of the conditions where van pooling works. He emphasized how the support of the employer will greatly help the use of van pooling. Circle Four was brought up as a possible contact.

Mr. Demas then explained where van pools are now working in the area; Brian Head, Eagle Point and Ruby's Inn. It was noted the Ruby's Inn Van pools has just recently started and is proving to be very successful. Copies of a study by the AOG for Ruby's Inn were passed out for review. A slide showing the savings to the employee was shown. It was noted by Mr. Roberts that the employees are saving roughly \$100 per month.

The businesses usually take the lead although a local entity can do so. Dave passed out a brochure for each member to read and give to interested parties. Levi noted that there is some interest in doing a regional van pooling study.

A brief discussion regarding CATS and the cost per rider took place. It is noted that CATS may be having some ridership issues. Levi noted an awareness of this issue and indicated they have been talking to CATS to see where we might help. There is talk of doing a route study or something similar that may help.

V. Mobility Management

Mr. Demas gave a brief introduction to Levi's presentation and noted that he is the Mobility Manager for the Five County AOG. Levi indicated that Mobility Management is an innovative approach for managing and delivering coordinated transportation services. It targets those who have needs such as disabled, low income, etc.. This process provides information and instruction on how to use and benefit from the transportation systems available. Levi indicated that a study was completed showing that \$1 invested in community transportation and mobility management will return \$3 to \$4 in economic activity.

The AOG as part of the work program is now maintaining a web site, that has the transportation information on it; providing "Travel Training" help; and information to the 211 system. Mr. Roberts explained a recent project where he worked with Google maps to include the transit system and route usage to those who need to use it. It is currently available for hand held devices.

On a systems level there is work going on with the regional mobility council and coordinating services group. As an example he noted the work group for the



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coordinating the installation of bus shelters; while this is mostly in St. George, CATS is also a member of the group. For information on Mobility Management contact can be made with Levi Roberts at the Five County Offices.

VI. Other Discussion Items

A. Miscellaneous Items

There were no miscellaneous items to be discussed.

B. Next meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2014; location to be determined at the next ICCC meeting.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Landes, seconded by Comm. Adams, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY